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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **TOWN BUILDINGS CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC**

Out of an abundance of caution, and consistent with Governor Baker's ban on gatherings of more than 25 persons, **all municipal buildings will be CLOSED to the public for two (2) weeks beginning on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.** In two weeks, the situation will be re-evaluated, and updates provided. Neighboring communities have taken similar action to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Public access to the Police and Fire Department will be limited to lobby areas only.

The Transfer Station will remain open to the general public and businesses.

Persons having town-related business should use email or phone calls to communicate with Town staff.

Plans to hold required regulatory meetings using remote technology are being developed.

This action is not taken lightly and is intended as an effort to broaden social distancing, as much as practicable, while maintaining municipal government operations.

Any person who is experiencing symptoms such as a fever, and cough or difficulty breathing is encouraged to self-isolate and call your healthcare provider for medical advice.

All persons are urged to maintain social distancing (6 feet from other persons) whenever possible and to wash hands, utilize alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and practice proper respiratory etiquette. High risk individuals, including older adults, those with underlying medical conditions (heart or

lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, weakened immune system, anyone who is pregnant), are urged to avoid large gatherings.

Updated information is available on the Town's website:  
<https://www.chathamga.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information>.